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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS EXONERATES NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP; NEW

GRIVAS LEAFLET

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SUMMARY: ARCHBISHOP DECLARES MAINLAND GREEKS IN
NATIONAL GUARD NOT INVOLVED IN "APOLLO PLAN". GRIVAS
LEAFLET REBUTS RECENT GOC CHARGES AND PLEDGES CON-
TINUED STRUGGLE FOR FULL ENOSIS. RECENT BOMBINGS AGAINST PROPERTY
OF COMMUNISTS. END SUMMARY

1. AUGUST 22 ARCHBISHOP ISSUED CAREFULLY WORDED STATE-
MENT EXONERATING MAINLAND GREEK OFFICERS AND NG LEADER-
SHIP FROM ANY INVOLVEMENT IN SO-CALLED APOLLO PLAN, AS
SOME PRESS "MISINTERPRETATIONS" OF PIO'S AUGUST 11 STATE-
MENT (REFTEL) HAD SUGGESTED. ARCHBISHIP ADDED, HOWEVER,
THAT DOCUMENTS FOUND BY GOC DID SHOW GRIVAS INFILTRATION
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OF NG AND THAT "SEVERAL GREEK CYPRIOT SOLDIERS AND

OFFICERS" ERE MEMBERS EOKA-B. FINALLY, ARCHBISHIP
COMPLIMENTED NG LEADERSHIP AND GREEK OFFICERS FOR
STRENGTHENING ISLAND'S DEFENSE.

2. SAME DAY GRIVAS LEAFLET CIRCULATED IN LIMASSOL REJECTING RECENT GOC CHARGES THAT HE (1) WILLING MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS OF ANY KIND TO TURKEY IN EXCHANGE FOR ENOSIS AND (2) HE ASPIRING TO POWER FOR HIMSELF. REITERATED CRITIQUE OF CONSTANTOPoulos PROPOSAL (REFTEL); LEAFLET ATTACKED MAKARIOS AS TRUE PARTITIONIST THIRSTING FOR CONTINUED POWER AND ALSO CRITICIZED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AS PARTITIONIST. AGAIN CHARGED MAKARIOS WITH FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS. IN PLEDGING CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR ATTAINMENT "GENUINE ENOSIS" LEAFLET NOTED, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, THAT "TREE DOES NOT DRY UP EVEN THOUGH SOME LEAVES OR EVEN BRANCHES FALL OFF".

3. MEANWHILE, SPORADIC BOMBINGS CONTINUED SINCE WEEK-END ACROSS ISLAND. NO CLEAR PATTERN EMERGES YET, THOUGH POSSIBLY OMINOUS PORTENT IS FACT THAT THREE TARGETS EVENING AUGUST 20 IN NICOSIA WERE ALL PROPERTY OF PEO (COMMUNIST UNION) MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM IS BROTHER PEO SECGEN ZIARTIDES

4. FINALLY, NEW TRIAL UNDERWAY AGAINST RIGHTIST "PATRIS" FOR USE OF WORD "MOUSKOS" IN REFERRING TO ARCHBISHOP. THREE OTHER PAPERS--"ETHNIKI", "GNOMI" (STILL NOT BACK IN PUBLICATION), AND "MESIMVRINI"-- FACE TRIAL ON SAME CHARGE.

5. COMMENT: HAVING SCORED A POINT IN HIS LONG-TERM CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRO-GRIVAS GREEK NG OFFICER, BY LINKING THEM TO COUP ATTEMPT, MAKARIOS MAY BE BACKING WATER IN RESPONSE TO EXPRESSIONS OF ANGER FROM ATHENS. (CONTINUED DELAY IN RETURN OF GREEK AMB MAY HAVE BEEN SIGNAL OF SUCH ANGER.) BY HIS GRUDGING STATEMENT, MAKARIOS HAS PROBABLY EATEN ENOUGH CROW TO MOLLIFY ATHENS FOR THE MOMENT.

THIS REGARD, TODAY'S "MAKHI" SPECULATES LAGACOS WILL NOW HASTEN HIS RETURN TO CYPRUS.

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6. GRIVAS' REVEALING METAPHOR RE LOSS OF MEMBERS UNDOUBTEDLY MEANT TO BOOST MORALE IN WAKE RECENT LOSSES. THIS WEEK "ETHNIKI" HAS PLAYED UP THEME--AS EXPLANATION PRESENT GRIVASITE INACTIVITY--THAT GENERAL HAS OFFERED ARCHBISHOP "TRUCE" TO CONSIDER AND IMPLEMENT "FIVE POINTS" (NICOSIA 1694) EARLIER POSITED AS CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF MINJUSTICE VAKIS.

MANY GREEKS, AND VIRTUALLY ALL TURKS, BELIEVE
GENERAL STILL HAS MUCH FIGHT LEFT. WE INCLINE TO THINK HE
MAY BE HURTING, AND POSSIBLY, ALSO UNDER SOME DEGREE OF
INTERDICTION FROM ATHENS

7. RE BOMBINGS, OBVIOUS DANGER IN GOING AFTER PEO OR
AKEL TARGETS IS CHANCE OF BRINGING COMMUNISTS INTO FIGHT,
LEADING TO GENUINE CIVIL WAR HERE (NICOSIA 1694). WE DOUBT
THIS IS WHAT GRIVAS IS DOING. PROVOCATION BY LYSSARIDES IS
DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.

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